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Sent: Friday, September 05, 2014 1:30 PM
To: Peters, Laura@DWR
Subject: Comment on Water Energy Grant Draft PSP

Dear Ms Peters,

I am writing regarding the draft PSP for DWR's Water-Energy Grant.

I would like to register my concerns about the use of the CalEnviroScreen 2.0 Tool in assessing Disadvantaged Communities for the purpose of the grant. I live and work in rural California counties where there are many seriously Disadvantaged Communities. However, by using this tool, DWR is excluding them from funding. Looking at the tool's methodology and maps it appears that most communities in rural California (a vast swathe of the state) is excluded from being considered as a DAC. This puts our region at an unfair disadvantage when applying for grant funds like the Water-Energy grant. We urge instead that you use the DAC status determined based on the DAC definition provided in DWR's Proposition 84 and 1E IRWM Guidelines<http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/docs/Archives/Prop84/Guidelines_PSPs/GL_Final_07_20_10.pdf>, dated August, 2010. This is a far more equitable and sensible method of assessing DACs throughout the state without a bias towards urban, metropolitan areas.

Yours,

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